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1. SUMMARY. EXECUTIONS OF 16 "EXTREMISTS" AND PRISON SENTENCES IMPOSED BY COURTS-MARTIAL FOR OTHER UP SUPPORTERS WERE FEATURED IN PRES S OCT 2. GOVERNMENT IS LAUNCHING MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR DONATIONS TO SUPPORT "RECONSTRUCTION." END SUMMARY.

2. FRONT-PAGE NEWS ON OCT 2 IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUMMARY EXECUTIONS BY THE MILITARY OF NINE MEN IN SANTIAGO. SIX OF THE NINE WERE CAUGHT RESISTING A MILITARY INCURION INTO THE SLUM SETTLEMENT (CAMPAMENTO) "SANTIAGO PINO" IN THE BARRANCAS SECTION ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF SANTIAGO. ONE OF THE DEAD IS DESCRIBED AS THE LEADER OF THE SETTLEMENT. ALSO EXECUTED WERE THREE MEN WHO FIRED ON THE MILITARY IN SANTIAGO FROM AN AUTOMOBILE DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPT 30. THE DEATH TOLL MOUNTED WITH THE KILLING OF SIX MORE MEN "ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE" FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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AUTHORITIES IN IQUIQUE, AND A SIMILAR INCIDENT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF YET ANOTHER PRISONER IN PUNTA ARENAS.

3. THE FIRST COURTS-MARTIAL PRISON SENTENCES BEGAN TO REACH

THE PRESS ON OCT 2, THE MOST NOTABLE BEING THE SENTENCING OF DAVID SILBERVANN, THE UP'S GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHUQUICAMATA COPPER MINE, TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON FOR "HIS ACTIONS" ON SEPT 11. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SILBERMANN IS NOW BEING HELD AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY IN SANTIAGO, WHERE HE MUST NEXT ACCOUNT FOR HIS "ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS" AS MANAGER OF THE MINE UNDER THE ALLENDE GOVT. THE SAME MILITARY COURT HANDED DOWN SENTENCES RANGING FROM 60 DAYS TO 20 YEARS TO SEVEN OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE PAST REGIME AT THE CHUQUICAMATA MINE.

4. MILITARY COURTS IN VALPARAISO (SANTIAGO 4649) WHICH HAVE BEEN TRYING SOME 40 PERSONS CHARGED WITH OFFENSES RANGING FROM KILLING MILITARY PERSONNEL TO VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMS CONTROL LAW, ANNOUNCED THEIR FIRST SENTENCES. PRISON TERMS VARYING FROM 6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS WERE AWARDED TO SEVERAL ARMS CONTROL VIOLATORS. A COURT-MARTIAL IN LA SERENA WAS REPORTED IN ONE PAPER TO BE TRYING FORMER UP OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS, BUT NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

5. IN CONTRAST TO THESE GRIM WARNINGS TO ITS OPPOSITION, THE JUNTA LAUNCHED A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ITS SUPPORTERS TO THE FUND FOR "RECONSTRUCTION" OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY (SANTIAGO 4538). ON OCT 1 COLONEL EDUARDO ESQUIVEL, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION OF THE JUNTA GOVT, ANNOUNCED THE INITIATION OF A SIX-MONTH-LONG RADIO, TV AND PRESS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN CALLED "PLEDGE YOURSELF TO CHILE" (COMPROMETASE OCON CHILE) DURING WHICH ALL CHILEANS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE WHATEVER MONEY THEY CAN AT ANY BANK, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE TREASURY FOR THE NATIONAL "RESTORATION." THE FIRST NEWSPAPER ADS FEATURE A WEDDING RING BEING PLACED UPON THE FEMALE HAND OF CHILE. THE CAMPAIGN IS COORDINATED BY THE "CIRCLE OF PUBLISHERS AND INFORMATION MEDIA" (CIRCULO DE PUBLICISTAS Y MEDIOS DE DIFUSION), A BODY PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND APPARENTLY JUST FORMED BY THE JUNTA.

6. THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SANTIAGO REOPENED YESTERDAY OCT 1, HAVING EFFECTIVELY LOST ABOUT TWO MONTHS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE SEMESTER WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEGUN JULY 31. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF INCIDENTS. THE JUNTA GOVT MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE REOPENNING OF THE SCHOOLS, FLORID EVEN BY LOCAL STANDARDS, EXHORTED THE STUDENT TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE PURE AND CLEAN FUTURE BEFORE HIM, FREE OF MARXIST PROPAGANDA, REMINDED HIM OF HIS MOTHER'S VALIANT STRUGGLE IN THE STREETS AGAINST MARXISM, AND URGED HIS FATHER TO FORGET HIS SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OF WORRY UNDER THE UP AND TAKE UP HIS POST OF COMBAT AGAINST MARXISM. THE JUNTA ALSO EXPRESSED ITS FIRM CONVICTION THAT TEACHERS WOULD RETURN TO BEING THE "HONEST FORGERS OF THE CHILEAN MENTALITY."

7. ASYLEES CONTINUED TO DEPART IN SPECIAL FLIGHTS FOR OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE PLANE LEFT OCT 1 WITH 110 PERSONS, AND 95 OTHERS LEFT FOR VENEZUELA. TWO ARGENTINE FLIGHTS REPORTEDLY LEFT SEPT 30 WITH A TOTAL OF 220 REFUGEES, AND ON SEPT 29 A PERUVIAN PLANE TOOK 75 PERSONS TO THAT COUNTRY. THE PRESS CITED "OFFICIAL SOURCES" WHICH STATED THAT FORMER MINAGRICULTURE JACQUES CHONCHOL REMAINS IN THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY AND THAT FORMER MINPUBLIC WORKS HUMBERTO MARTONES, WITH FORMER SENATORS MARIA ELENA CARRERA AND JAIME SUAREZ, REMAINS IN THE EMBASSY OF PERU.

8. WE NOTE WITH SOME INTEREST THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PRESS OF CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS TO FIND ANDREA LOPEZ PALMA, AN OFFICIAL OF THE CIVIL REGISTRY CITED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE NOW DISSOLVED CONGRESS AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE "ELECTORAL FRAUD" OF THE MARCH 1973 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.

9. THE DEATH ON JULY 27 OF PRESIDENTIAL NAVAL AIDE ARTURO ARAYA PEETERS (SANTIAGO 3357) MAY HAVE BEEN INCIDENTAL TO A CLASH BETWEEN EXTREMISTS, ACCORDING TO "EXTRAOFFICIAL SOURCES" QUOTED BY LA TERCERA ON OCT 2. THE CONFESSION OF A RIGHTIST EXTREMIST WHO SURRENDERED IN VALPARAISO LED TO THE FINDING OF THE WEAPON USED TO KILL ARAYA. APPARENTLY THE RIHGTIST GROUP MET A SIMILAR ARMED SQUAD OF LEFTIST EXTREMISTS ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 27 NEAR THE HOME OF ARAYA, AND IN THE ENSUING BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS ARAYA WAS KILLED ALMOST INCIDENTALLY BY THE RIGHTISTS WHEN HE TRIED TO "DEFEND HIS HOME." MEMBERS
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OF BOTH EXTREMIST GROUPS ARE NOW AWAITING TRIAL.

10. MID-DAY OCT 2 RADIO REPORTS CARRY NEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. JAPAN AND LEBANON HAVE REPORTEDLY RECOGNIZED THE NEW GOVT OF CHILE, AND THE JUNTA ANNOUNCES THAT WHILE SAFE CONDUCTS OUT OF CHILE WILL CONTINUE TO BE OGRANTED FOR EMBASSY ASYLEES, IT IS LOOKINRG INTO EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF REFUGE TO GET BACK SELECTED INDIVIDUALS. FINALLY, THE GOVT WILL ALLOW AND FACILITATE THE VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL WHICH WILL SEE FOR ITSELF THE SITUATION IN CHILE, ALONG THE LINES OF COOPERATION EXTENDED TO A FRG PARLIAMENTARY TWO-MAN TEAM (BONN 13867). ALL THESE REPORTS CITE FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS AS SOURCES.
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